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1. TRACK AND FIELD TEAM. DATES SUGGESTED REF A POSE REAL PROBLEM FOR US ORGANIZERS. NC TELLS US AAU SAYS IT IS MOST IMPORTANT FOR US TRACK AND FIELD TEAM TO DEPART CHINA BY MAY 31 BECAUSE OF LONG-SCHEDULED COMMITMENT TO MAJOR NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEETING AS INDICATED REF B. THEREFORE WE EARNESTLY HOPE CHINESE CAN CONSIDER MAY 18-19 ARRIVAL DATE (OR EARLIER IF AT ALL POSSIBLE) FOR TEAM. IN VIEW OF TIME FACTOR, AAU IS PREPARED TO FOREGO, IF NECESSARY, ONE OF THE TWO MEETS PLANNED FOR PEKING, IN ORDER TO ENABLE AMERICAN ATHLETES TO PARTICIPATE IN US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. AAU HAS CONCURRED IN THIS. BEGIN FYI PROBLEM ARISES FROM SCHEDULED NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS JUNE 5-7 AND AAU APPREHENSION THAT NCAA MAY MAKE PUBLIC CHARGES THAT AAU IS SABOTAGING THEIR MEET BY WITHDRAWING TOP ATHLETES FOR CHINA VISIT END FYI.

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2. NC INFORMS US PRCLC SAID NC AND AAU COULD CHOOSE ORDER OF MEETS IN CHINA. GIVEN CHOICE THEIR PREFERENCE IS TO

ENTER AT CANTON AND HOLD FIRST MEET THERE, THEN TO SHANGHAI, LAST TO PEKING AND LEAVING CHINA FROM PEKING TO JAPAN. THIS SCHEDULE WOULD ENABLE AMERICAN ATHLETES TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE CHINA VISIT AND OVERCOME JET LAG BEFORE GOING TO CANTON. IT WOULD ALSO ALLOW AMERICAN ATHLETES TO HOLD LAST MEET OR MEETS IN PEKING ON BEST FIELD IN CHINA WITH ONLY ELECTRONIC TIMING EQUIPMENT. FINALLY IT WOULD ALSO FACILITATE FASTEST RETURN TO US VIA JAPAN.

3. WORLD AFFAIRS GROUP. AS REPORTED IN REF A, DISCUSSION BETWEEN NC AND PRCLC INDICATES CONTINUING MISUNDERSTANDING AS TO WHETHER THIS GROUP WILL BE COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS (CFR) (AS CHINESE BELIEVE) OR MEMBERS OF CFR AND OTHER RELATED ORGANIZATIONS (AS NC INTENDS). RELATIONSHIP OF CFR TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE SAME FIELD IS A COMPLICATED ONE WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SOURCE OF CHINESE MISUNDERSTANDING FROM THE BEGINNING. THE CHINESE HAVE AGREED TO A DELEGATION IN THIS FIELD TO BE SPONSORED BY THE NC, AND WE AGREE WITH THE NC THAT THE SPONSORING BODY HAS THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE MEMBERS OF DELEGATION. NC INTENDS THAT DELEGATION WILL BE SELECTED IN CONSULTATION WITH CFR AND LED BY CFR BUT ALSO WILL INCLUDE MEMBERS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS NC PLANS TO REVIEW ENTIRE SITUATION IN DETAIL WITH PRCLC AND HOPES TO CLEAR UP MISUNDERSTANDING. WE WILL INFORM YOU OF SUBSTANCE OF NC PRESENTATION TO PRCLC ASAP. THIS RUNDOWN NOW IS INTENDED AS BACKGROUND INFORMATION ONLY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. WE RECOGNIZE APPARENTLY FINAL TONE OF CHINESE (REF C), BUT IF USLO FEELS APPROACH WOULD NOT BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, WE HOPE YOU CAN INFORM MFA OF SERIOUS PROBLEM THAT THEIR PROPOSED DATES CREATE FOR US ORGANIZERS OF TEAM AND THAT DIFFICULTIES SO CREATED WILL SURFACE AT MAJOR US SPORTS MEETING. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF CHINESE CAN CONSIDER EARLIER DATES. NC
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HAS TAKEN UP ITINERARY WITH PRCLC BUT YOU MAY WISH TO ALERT MFA TO NC/AAU'S PREFERENCE. NO DISCUSSION WITH CHINESE NECESSARY NOW ON WORLD AFFAIRS GROUP. INGERSOLL

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